

## File# FI 420 – Washburn County - 262.4 acres

The Department acquired this parcel for \$1,400 in 1964. The property has approximately 5,182 feet of two-bank frontage on Boyer Creek and approximately 1,323 feet of frontage on Bear Lake. The property provides spawning habitat for Northern Pike for Bear Lake and a Sucker migration route to upstream tributaries. The Bear Lake Sedge Meadow is a site that supports habitat for declining grassland birds; in addition, the habitat just outside of the site also supports rare grassland and marsh birds.

The property has an existing parking lot on the West side of the property off Shallow Lake Road. Other improvements include a portion of the Ice Age Trail that crosses the property in the Southwest corner, and a trail from the parking lot that is used by the public for hiking, hunting, fishing and bird watching.

There is currently an active timber sale on the property.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., and the land be only offered to Washburn County, subject to an easement for the Ice Age Trail, as well as a deed restriction requiring the land be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.

